

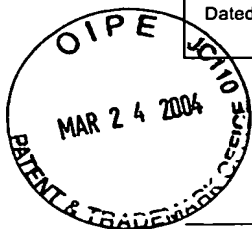
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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the applicant elects the invention of Group II (claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12), without traverse.

Applicant has claimed foreign priority and filed a certified copy of the priority document in this case. It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge both the claim of priority and receipt of the priority documents in his next Office Action.

Applicant has also filed three Information Disclosure Statements, one mailed on December 13, 2000, one mailed on November 7, 2001, and one filed July 29, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, a list of Applicant's Art Citation forms are attached hereto. It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge that he has reviewed each of the documents cited in these Information Disclosure Statements.